



Published by the Upper
Kennet Parochial Church
Council

UPPER KENNET NEWS

January 2025

Kennet Valley Lottery Club draw winners

(Some winners prefer that their names are not published, in which case we just state the winning number)

£100 Number 9 Mike Morrissy
£75 Number 54 Mark Beverley
£50 Number 10 Pat Cutforth
£50 Number 102 Lindie White

If you would like to join the lottery, please pick up an application form from any church, or ring Jo Snape on 01672 861267 or email josiesnape@aol.com

Another way to support our churches at West Overton, Fyfield and East Kennett

Notice Board

Wedding

Katie Harwood & Scott Lawrence
Broad Hinton 7th December

Burial of Ashes

Edith Marian Jean Russ
Broad Hinton 9th December

William Langdon Buxton
Winterbourne Monkton 14th December

100 Club

Draw Results for December

1st	£48.00	34	Leon Parker
2nd	£36.00	3	Lyn Saunders
3rd	£24.00	48	Joan Meeks
4th	£12.00	36	Rose Pearce

(some winners prefer that their names are not published)

If you would like to join the lottery ring Philip Scott on 01672 539104 or email philipscott2@me.com

Your way to help support the churches of Winterbourne Monkton and Berwick Bassett

Lottery is licensed by Wiltshire Council

"A brief respite from everyday pressures – a time of peace, calm and silent reflection."

MEDITATION (TAIZÉ) Service

Every fortnight on a Wednesday evening at East Kennett Church from 6.00 to 6.25pm: a chance to just sit quietly and relax and enjoy the silence and the peace by candlelight, with a background of occasional singing and some words of wisdom.

Future dates for your diary:

Wednesday 8th January &
Wednesday 22nd January

Please note.

The Meditation Taizé Service at East Kennett now starts at 6pm instead of 6.30pm

Thought for the Month

As we step into the new year, we are reminded of the opportunity for fresh beginnings and renewed purpose that each new season brings. January marks not only the start of a new calendar year, but also the arrival of a new Rector in our midst; a leader called to guide and serve our congregation. Reverend Jonathan Poston joins us this January from the Parish of St John with St Mary, Devizes. This moment of transition encourages us to look forward with hope and anticipation. It's a time to embrace new opportunities for growth, both spiritually and as a community, as we work together in the coming year.

In this season of change, we are reminded that leadership within the church is a sacred responsibility. As Psalm 78:72 says, "With upright heart he shepherded them and guided them with his skilful hand". We pray that our new Rector, with God's wisdom and grace, will lead us with an upright heart and skilful hand, helping to nurture our faith and solidify our already strongly rooted links to Christ and each other.

I'm sure I speak on behalf of the whole Parish in wishing Reverend Jonathan Poston a very warm welcome into our special community. We will look forward to his Licensing ceremony on the 16th January and hope he settles well into the Rectory in coming months.

Angharad Hughes

Kennet Valley Amateur Dramatic Society presents

Puss in Boots



Panto Meets Boom Town Rats and more..



Pantomime @ Kennet Valley Hall, Lockeridge

Thursday 23rd January 7:30pm

Friday 24th January 7:30pm

Saturday 25th January 2:30pm & 7:30pm

Bar and refreshments available.

Tickets £8 Adult, £6 Children

Box Office : 01672 861 423 (Opens 2nd January)

UPPER KENNET CHURCHES SERVICES

	St Nicholas FYFIELD	St Michael & All Angels WEST OVERTON	Christ Church EAST KENNETT	St James AVEBURY	St Mary Magdalene WINTERB'NE MONKTON	St Katherine & St Peter WINTERB'NE BASSETT	St Peter ad Vincula BROAD HINTON
5 January Epiphany	8.30 am Morning Prayer					10.30 am Morning Service	10 am Parish Communion Service
Wednesday 8 January			6 pm Meditation Service (Taizé)	No service			
12 January Baptism of Christ Epiphany 1		10 am Morning Service		10 am Plough Sunday Communion Service)			
Thursday 16 January				7 pm Rev'd Jonathan Poston's Induction Service			
19 January Epiphany 2			8 am Morning Prayer		10 am Parish Communion Service		10 am Morning Prayer
Wednesday 22 January			6 pm Meditation Service (Taizé)	10.30 am Celtic Communion			
26 January Epiphany 3		10 am Parish Communion Service					
Wednesday 29 January				10.30 am Celtic Communion			
2 February Presentation of Christ Candlemas	8.30 am Holy Communion					10.30 am Morning Service	10 am Parish Communion Service

Readings

Sunday 5 January – Gold or White Epiphany
Isaiah 60.1-6
Psalm 72 [1-9] 10-15
Ephesians 3.1-12
Matthew 2. 1-12

Sunday 12 January – White Baptism of Christ 1st Sunday of Epiphany
Isaiah 43.1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8.14-17
Luke 3.15-17,21-22

Sunday 19 January – White 2nd Sunday of Epiphany
Isaiah 62.1-5
Psalm 36.5-10
1 Corinthians 12.1-11
John 2.1-11

Sunday 26 January – White 3rd Sunday of Epiphany
Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10
Psalm 19 [or 19.1-6]
1 Corinthians 12.12-31a
Luke 4.14-21

Sunday 2 February – Gold or White Presentation of Christ in the Temple Candlemas
Malachi 3.1-5
Psalm 24 [1-6] 7-end
Hebrews 2.14-end
Luke 2.22-40

Morning Prayer 8.30-9am daily

Join us by zoom for half an hour to start the day in an atmosphere of quiet prayer and reflection with others, from the comfort of your own armchair. We are a small group who value this wonderful opportunity to gather ourselves for the day, to focus on what lies ahead and to enjoy silence together.

For more details, the service sheet and the zoom link, contact:
Sibella Laing: 01672 861600 or sibella.laing@outlook.com



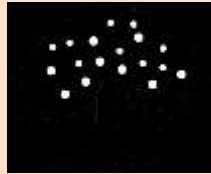
Avebury Social Centre Soup Lunch Monday 6th January

soup & bread, cheese, cake
& a chance to chat
12 noon—2.00pm
£1 - or donation of your choice

All welcome
**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**



Wassail



(To or be Blessed)

We invite you to join us for an afternoon of traditional folk blessings for fruit trees and land.

Noisy children with pots and pans to bang very, very welcome!!!



We will bless our village fruit trees, our farmers, their land and cows and the Avebury Manor Orchard where there will be traditional treats with the Lord of the Manor.

Performing seasonal songs, music, a Mummers Plough Play and plough blessing. It's a day of celebration, blessings, music and fun for all!

When: Wassail Saturday 11th January at 1300 2025, top of Avebury High Street in the Coach House courtyard

Plough Sunday Church Service 10am Sunday 12th January 2025 in St James



Follow us on Facebook - Spanker the 'Oss

AVEBURY SOCIAL CENTRE

The highlight of the year for the Social Centre calendar is undoubtedly the Panto and this year was as impressive as ever! A wonderful cast gave an amazing performance full of humour and fun and not a little serious acting ability. Particular praise must go to Justine Cooper and Alison Andre as well as Michele Lomas for all their extra involvement behind the show; but that does not diminish the very hard work of everyone else; from building the stage and moving scenery to the music arrangements and those who helped with the refreshments and the raffle. A tremendous amount of time and effort goes into these events.

In the New Year we will be welcoming Jvno back to perform on the 3rd January and along with the other regular events we look forward to a successful year.

Judith Farthing Secretary.



St James' Church, Avebury Plough Sunday Service with Holy Communion

**10 am, Sunday
12th January 2025**

**Come to the Wassail on Saturday 1-4pm
Then join us the next day for the Plough
Sunday service**

***Bring your tools and seeds for blessing.
Celebrate our farming tradition at the
start of the new agricultural year.
Bless the earth and promise to cherish it.***

West Overton, Fyfield and East Kennett Christmas Bazaar

Thanks to everyone who contributed to another very successful Christmas Bazaar and Christmas Tree sale, either by helping with the preparation and/or on the day, or by coming along and being so generous. Despite the appalling weather and a power cut that knocked hot dog and refreshment sales on the head, and meant an early finish, we actually raised more than last year- in fact, over £2,100! That's a magnificent sum of money which will go towards the upkeep of our local churches. Just as importantly, it was great to see so many people on Saturday and feel a real sense of community as we battled the elements.

Best wishes to everyone for the festive season and for 2025,

Alison Ingham and Jo Snape

Christmas Trees

A big thank you to the Snape family for organising the collection and distribution and to the delivery drivers who battled the elements to deliver the trees to everybody. We await news of the final amount raised.



2025 starts with



>>**JVNO**<<

*our local jazz-funk band returns
after their brilliant gig in Feb 2024*
Celebrate the New Year & their return
Friday 3rd January 2025
7.30pm (doors open 7.00)
Avebury Social Centre
Tickets: £10 from Avebury Shop
(cash or cheque)

Avebury Tower News

Your correspondent (Brian Vickers) hopes that this can be seen before Christmas to be wholly relevant. Historically the ringing of bells in the days before the availability of watches and timepieces has always been linked to announcements of events and their timing - so ringing for Christmas has long associations. Unfortunately the huge expansion of information and activities since Victorian days has meant fewer bell ringers not just in our locality but nationally. Happily we have kept going at Avebury - helped by friends from a distance afield (like Calne!), and none of our Tuesday evening practices have had to be cancelled for lack of ringers in the preceding month. We managed to get 5 ringers for the Parish Communion service at Avebury on Sunday 8th December; They were Brian Vickers, Jonathan Stubbs, Kathryn Miller (from Calne - thanks), Michele Lomas and Sean Tye(we do miss the twins away at University).

So whilst we hope to be able to ring for the next two services at Avebury (Carol Service on Sunday 22nd and Crib service on 24th), other activities look like limiting numbers. I have already written about needing at least three ringers to make our traditional wheel mounted bells sound at all "right". Whilst I plan to be at Church to ring, I might try to ring if only one other turns up and see what sort of sound we can make; otherwise we might toll the big (nearly a ton in weight) bell which the clock chimes on. This is on a fixed mounting (called "dead") rather than on a wheel, and apart by being struck by a sort of hammer when the clock mechanism reaches an hour, can be struck by a clapper pulled from a rope in the tower. It has the advantage over a wheel mounted bell of being much easier to ring fast or slow, so enabling rhythms to be rung which sound better than a single wheel mounted bell - which is limited and boring to most human ears.

Whilst the sound of the bells cannot easily be heard within the church (they were always intended to be heard by people outside), readers walking to church or within hearing might like to guess how many (few?) ringers are at work. This is because whilst Church bells are rung in different sequences most of the time, they are at many Churches (including Avebury) rung in the sequence of their weights at the start and finish of ringing (known as ringing up and down respectively). So if 3 bells are rung, the lightest is referenced as number 1, followed by number 2 and number 3 being the heaviest. If they are rung properly, you should hear them in sequence 1 2 and 3, starting with the highest note and ending with the lowest. When ringing up they will start ringing fast and gradually slow down. Ringing down they will start slow and end fast - sometimes with a pause before all three give a final ring. Hopefully you will recognise the pattern of 3 - or 4 for 4 ringers etc.

What of ringing the Old Year out and the New Year in? It has been a tradition at Avebury since the 1970's in modern times. At the time of writing it is too early to say if we can get enough ringers; there being no lack of other events on! Whatever it remains but to hope that all you readers have a lovely Christmas Season and a happy New Year.

Brian Vickers

Thank you from Devizes and District Foodbank

Dear Upper Kennet Churches,

Thank you for supporting our Harvest Appeal!

Your support this year, particularly during such uncertain times, means that we're able to continue to provide vital food and supplies to people in crisis over the coming months.

We received an amazing 2900.6kg of food, and we couldn't be more grateful.

From everyone at Devizes and District Foodbank and the people we serve, thank you.

Your support really does make a difference, and we hope you'll consider supporting us again in the future.

The amount donated by Upper Kennet Churches was: 102.2kg.

Back by popular demand...
On Sat 18th January 2025

BURNS NIGHT SUPPER AND CEILIDH

at the Kennet Valley Hall,
Lockeridge
7pm - 11:30pm
Live Pipe Music
Delicious Hot Food and Ceilidh dancing
with popular local caller John Carver
All left feet welcome!

Ticket price: £30

Email: stuart-laing@outlook.com Bring cash on the night for
to secure tickets raffle. Pay bar cash or card
Full payment required at time of booking



Retired ?
Fancy a spot of gardening ?
Could spare the odd hour
each week ?
Like to support your Village
Hall ?

Your local village hall has a great team of volunteers who have made the hall something to be proud of. The hall itself now has modern facilities which make it attractive to it`s many users. The outside impact benefits from beautiful views across the recreation ground and beyond what is missing is that little bit extra.....some nice attractive flower beds and shrubs that will add that special extra impact to the presentation of the hall for all it`s many visitors.

If you have the odd hour spare and fancy a little bit of gardening and would like to support your village hall, why not join our team of volunteers, your input can make that special extra impact to the presentation of the hall.

If you would like an initial chat to discover what would be involved, give Brian a call on 01672 861513.



News from the National Trust January

New year, new blooms in the garden

The garden team completed a huge planting project in the Avebury Manor Garden just before Christmas, following the arrival of over 5,000 new bulbs in the autumn. Snowdrops and winter iris will be the first signs of those over the coming weeks, followed by varieties of fragrant, multi-headed and miniature daffodils. We hope to share more of our 2025 plans for the garden in Upper Kennet News next month.

Henge banks to close in January

As in previous years, we are giving all four henge banks in the monument a chance to recover in January. Access to the banks will be closed from 6 January until 1 February. The rest of the monument will be accessible as usual.

Parking Permits for Avebury High Street Car Park

The High Street car park in Avebury is owned and managed by the National Trust. Parking permits are available for those living in Avebury village, Rawlins Park, Avebury Trusloe, Beckhampton, and West Kennet. To apply, please send your registration number and proof of address to avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Free access and getting in touch

Thank you for your support during what was a different and challenging year. Residents of Avebury Parish will continue to get free entry to the Alexander Keiller Museum and the Avebury Manor Garden in 2025. Please show proof of address at the barn or museum reception to get a free ticket.

If you need to speak to us, please visit the museum between 10am-4pm, or email avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk.

KENNET VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.kvparishcouncil.org.uk

Thank You from Kennet Valley Parish Council

Our Parish Councillors really appreciate the efforts of all those who work with us to enrich the lives of everybody in our community. This includes the emergency response team, the speed watch team, the children who organise the Communi-Teas at the school etc and those who just kindly check in on elderly and vulnerable neighbours from time to time.

May we add a special seasonal thank you to the residents of Lockeridge who funded the Dene Christmas tree and lights again this year.

COPING WITH EMERGENCIES – power cuts and flooding etc

Following the recent bad weather and power outage in our area during Storm Darragh, local residents are reminded of the following useful telephone numbers and advice for preparing for emergencies.

Emergency numbers

- Wiltshire Council's emergency number is 0300 456 01000
- Thames Water – 0800 009 3652 (0800 316 6899 (minicom / textphone)
- SSEN Power Networks: 105 to report a power cut or damage to SSEN equipment (power lines etc)

Please check your utility company for emergency contact details

It is possible to register for priority service support with Thames Water and SSEN (details available on the websites).

Other useful information and links:

General guidance on preparing for emergencies including power cuts and flooding is also available from Wiltshire Council including:

[Flooding emergencies - Who to contact](#)
[What to do during and after a flood](#)
[Flooding advice for homeowners](#)

In an emergency the old land line phone system will continue to function and handsets can be purchased which do not require an electrical supply (for example the Vtech- Trimstyle phone). The new style 'digital voice' phones which require a broadband connection will not function and the Kennet Valley Parish Council is continuing to press for improved mobile signal coverage in the local area.

Flood warning levels explained

What flood alerts and flood warnings mean:

- **flood alert:** flooding is possible and you need to **be prepared**
- **flood warning:** flooding is expected and you should take immediate actions, **do not wait** for a severe flood warning
- **severe flood warning:** severe flooding and danger to life, these are issued when flooding poses a **significant** risk to life or disruption to communities

Immediate actions to take if you're about to be flooded:

- turn off your gas, electricity and water supplies, if it's safe to do so - **do not touch an electrical switch if you're standing in water**
 - move your family, vehicles, pets and important items to safety, for example upstairs or to higher ground
 - if you have them, use flood protection products, for example flood barriers or air brick covers
- follow advice from your local council or the emergency services - you may be asked to evacuate

Where they can, the council, emergency services and Environment Agency will help, but if the flooding is over a large area, they may not be able to respond to every call.

Further information and weblinks are available on the Kennet Valley Parish Council's website too.

Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

Our next meeting is Monday 13th January 2025 at 6.30pm in the Kennet Valley Hall. Members of the public are warmly invited to attend.

With best wishes for the New Year.

Alison Ingham
clerk@kvparishcouncil.org.uk
Tel: 07897 797208

www.kvparishcouncil.org.uk

Keep safe from Fire

Leaving small electrical devices on charge overnight has been the cause of multiple house fires in recent years, so Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is urging people to 'Unplug to Unwind'.

Only large appliances such as fridges are designed to be left switched on all the time, so ensuring that everything else is unplugged before you go to bed is a simple routine that could protect your home from fire.

To help reduce the risk of a fire in your home, take these simple steps:

- Make sure an electrical appliance has a British or European safety mark when you buy it. Only buy your electrical chargers from a reputable source.
- Never leave items on charge when you are sleeping or when you are not at home.
- Don't overload sockets.
- Regularly check for frayed or worn cables and wires.
- Buy your electrical chargers from a reputable source.

Register your appliances to receive notification of safety alerts or product recalls at www.registermyappliance.org.uk

More information about the Unplug To Unwind campaign can be found on the DWFRS website www.dwfire.org.uk/unplug-to-unwind/



Thursday 5th - 5.30pm - PANTO PRIX FIXE

Join us for a wonderful homemade supper club with autumnal themes - £22 for 2 courses.

Sunday 8th - 12-4pm - FESTIVE ROAST

Book and pre-order before 1st Dec to receive a complimentary glass of mulled wine.

Friday 13th - 7pm - QUIZ NIGHT

Tables must be booked, £2 per person, maximum 6 people per team, food must be pre-ordered.

Saturday 14th - CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

Christmas Fair, Festive Lunch Menu, 2 Santa Experiences & Wreath Making Workshop - all to raise funds for 3 fabulous causes!

Saturday 21st - 7pm - SOLSTICE CELEBRATIONS

Celebrate the Winter Solstice with an evening of mulled cider and crafting orange pomanders - just £5 per person.

Tuesday 31st - 7pm - NEW YEAR'S EVE

Complimentary nibbles throughout the evening & a glass of bubbles for those who are still with us at midnight!

Wednesday 1st Jan - 10am - NEW YEAR'S DAY BRUNCH

Enjoy anything from a bacon sandwich to a Full English alongside a delicious Bucks Fizz or Bloody Mary - from just £4.95.

Booking for all events is highly recommended - fund us on Facebook for our festive opening hours. We will be closed on Sunday 1st December.

Find us on Facebook or call 01672 539793 for more details of all our events. Our chosen charities for our fundraising this year are St Mary Magdeleine Church, Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Home Start, North Wiltshire.

**NEWS FROM THE
WINTERBOURNE
MONKTON
COMMUNITY HALL**

Registered Charity No 1199011



Please visit our Website wmch.club or follow us on Facebook.

Hall Bookings can be made by e mail to wmch-booking@hotmail.com

FOOD at the HALL
Friday January 17th
We Meat Again
Doors open 5.00 pm
Food available from 5.30 onwards
Bar Open
For further details please see website
Next Coffee Morning
Saturday January 25th
10.30 am to 1.00 pm



FILM NIGHT
FRIDAY JANUARY 31
Details to be announced

Avebury Parish Council
.January 2025

Happy New Year from Everyone at Avebury Parish Council.

Precept 2025-26

APC has again voted not to increase the Precept for the Parish of Avebury, concentrating on funding projects important to you through the funds already available.

Bins

The project to increase the number of litter bins in Avebury continues to gather momentum. APC is committed to providing some noticeable improvements on this early in 2025. If you have any thoughts on where you think a new bin is needed let us know.

Play Area Update



You may have noticed some items in the playground have been removed which means we really need to know what you would like to see instead. Having discussed options for a while now, APC is making reaching a decision on this a priority for early 2025. We would like to invite you to a village meeting held at the same time as the first Parish Council meeting of the year, Tuesday 3rd February 2025. See what ideas we have so far, give us your input and let us know how important this project is to you. To completely renovate the playground would require a serious investment, APC needs to know this is what you want! If not what would suggest instead?

Avebury Sacred Sites Forum (ASSF)

Councillor Natascha Kenyon now represents APC at the ASSF, she looks forward to collaborating closely with key stakeholders and representatives of various faith groups involved in organising spiritual events within the monument, Avebury, and with the National Trust. This role is an important link between the Parish Council and those who hold the Avebury monument as a place of spiritual significance, our involvement will continue help foster respectful dialogue and shared

understanding in the community. APC thanks Councillor Lynzey Paradise for her dedicated work on ASSF, her commitment has been invaluable to our community.

Speeding

Wiltshire police continue to update APC on enforcement carried out over recent months, with one driver caught travelling at 63mph past the Avebury Sports and Social Club, a road clearly marked as 30mph.

Rights of Way Audit

Work to check the condition of Rights of Way in the Parish continues with great progress made so far. Two thirds of the logged cases have been audited, with four of those already resolved.

APC doesn't meet in January, so the next full meeting of APC will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 3rd February at the Avebury Social Centre.

Emma Watson, Clerk
clerk@aveburyparishcouncil.org
www.aveburyparishcouncil.org



Avebury Community Shop

Shop Phone Number: 01672 539200

Opening Hours 10am – 4pm every
day

Happy New Year

We would like to wish all our customers and volunteers a very Happy New Year.

Meet the Team - Bev



Bev has been volunteering in the shop for about a year. Before this, she worked in the NHS for 40 years doing community nursing. She lives in Calne but loves Avebury and is a frequent visitor, so when the opportunity came to volunteer in the shop she was keen to take it up. Bev loves the atmosphere in the shop and enjoys the friendly and welcoming atmosphere and meeting

locals and tourists.

Her favourite products are Berkeley Farm butter which is a lovely colour and so rich and creamy. Other favourites are Robyn's farmhouse vegetarian pies. One of the things that Bev enjoys most about the shop is the amazing range of stock – everything from logs to birthday cake candles (we currently have 953 items on our stock list!).

Volunteer Update

We are holding our annual New Year party for our volunteers on 5th January which is always well attended and an enjoyable way for volunteers to meet each other and socialise.

We still need more people to join the team. Anyone, young or more mature would be welcome to join the team of volunteers. Full training will be provided and you will be supported by managers and other volunteers. If you would like to consider volunteering, please contact one of our shop managers, Lyn or Martin, on 01672 539200. Full training will be given along with copious tea and coffee and homemade cakes or biscuits.

Local Produce

We love to stock items from local producers and support the local economy. Some examples are Berkeley Farm dairy produce (Wroughton), Brinkworth Cheeses, jams and chutneys from near Swindon, Rowdey Cow ice creams from Rowde, Vicarage lane cakes and flapjacks.

Michele Lomas
(Chair of Avebury Community Shop)

Christmas wildlife magic awaits at Nightingale Wood South Marston near Swindon



From robins to bluetits and redwings to fieldfares, there is plenty of wildlife at Nightingale Wood to enjoy this winter.

The festive season is a great time to get outdoors, walk off the Christmas food and drink, and get in touch with nature. Robins are a well-known symbol of Christmas for many reasons and can be spotted all year-round, unlike most birds. At Nightingale Wood, in South Marston near Swindon, look out for robins foraging for food on grass verges and singing in the treetops.

Did you know that, despite common belief, a robin's chest colour is actually orange, not red? It's understood that when robins were first named the word 'orange' didn't exist. It was during the Tudor times, when oranges were first imported, that the word was used to refer to the colour. However, by this time the robin had long been called the robin red breast.

A robin's chest isn't used for to attract the opposite sex but rather to intimidate other robins, and each year the male's patch gets larger. Robins are known for being territorial and will 'puff out their chest' for a variety of reasons, including warning off other birds or staying warm. From January they will be looking for a breeding partner.

The community woodland is cared for by Forestry England and is home to an abundance of wildlife and tree species. There are three waymarked trails, which vary in length, these include: Heron Walk, Nightingale Walk, and Kestrel Walk. There are also public bridleways, picnic benches, and two ponds.

Forestry England helps wildlife thrive all year-round by creating habitats, such as leaving deadwood that has been blown down from trees and branches. As well as carrying out ecological surveys to see where our conservation efforts need to be directed to better support wildlife.

Area Manager, Nikki Morgans said:

"Nightingale Wood is a lovely place to visit all year-round, but especially at Christmas. It is a haven for wildlife, especially birds – so bring your binoculars!

For the last 30 years, Forestry England has been caring for the woodland and ensuring that it is a place that can be enjoyed by future generations. Our trails are generally wide and flat and vary in length to suit all abilities.

We take extra pride in caring for the wildlife at Nightingale Wood by carrying out surveys to check their health and ensure they have suitable habitats to continue thriving."



VISIONVISIT
mobile eyecare

Would you like an Eye Test at Home?



As a local family run mobile optician, VisionVisit can *come to you* for your eye test. Our fully qualified optometrist uses the latest eye test equipment to give you a precise prescription and thorough health assessment. Not only that, but the test is free with no call out, if you are covered by the NHS. We have a wide range of glasses, from budget to designer, delivered and fitted in your own home.

So if you struggle to get to your local optician or would just prefer a test within the comfort of your own home, call us now or visit our website for more details.

www.visionvisit.co.uk **01793 232 588**




BEAUTIFULLY CRAFTED BESPOKE FURNITURE

Handmade wooden furniture for your home

01380 860791 | designbytimber.co.uk

Matt's Tiling
All Aspects of Tiling



07590 044124
matt@matts-tiling.co.uk

M.J.Sly Memorials
New Memorials and Renovations
Call 01672 516797
FOR A FREE BROCHURE
OR TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT
info@mjsly.co.uk www.mjsly.co.uk



Peace of mind
Choose a N.A.M.M. member
BRAMM

WINDOWpayne
WINDOW & GUTTER CLEANING
EST. 2011

We service your area

Services

- Internal & External Window Cleaning
- Gutter Cleaning and Clearing
- Patio, Driveway, Render, Brick Cleaning
- Conservatory Cleaning
- Solar Panel Cleaning
- Carpet Cleaning

01249 400 500 www.windowpayne.co.uk

**Dianne Mackinder
Funeral Service**



ON CALL DAY & NIGHT
01672 512444 OR 810727
WAGON YARD LONDON ROAD
MARLBOROUGH WILTSHIRE
SN8 1LH

Est. 1991 *D. W. Oliver Tree Services Ltd*
B.Sc. A.I.W.Sc.



**TREE PRUNING
 LANDSCAPING, WOODCHIPPING
 TREE FELLING, FORESTRY
 CONTRACTING
 FENCING**

Tel 01672 861310
 Mobile 07976 644706

FOR A FREE QUOTE

£5M INSURANCE

Tree Surgery works carried out by qualified staff

E-mail: info@dwoliver.com Web: www.dwoliver.com

Adie Cripps Chimney Sweep

Fully insured and certificate of sweep issued

Chimney swept
 CCTV Inspections
 Cows Fitted
 Bird nest removal

T. 01672 512 438
 M. 07557 472 541
 E. adie.cripps55@gmail.com
 @adiesweep
 Adie Cripps Chimney Sweep

Clean Friendly and Reliable



JILL SUDBURY



is now seeing clients at the **Fyfield Therapy Rooms**

Reiki Sessions & Teaching	+44 (0) 7973 951 286
Reflexology	jill.sudbury@btinternet.com
Counselling	
Hypnotherapy	Fyfield Therapy Rooms:
Hypnobirthing	
Indian Head Massage	Priest Acre Cottages,
Rejuvance	Fyfield, Marlborough
1:1 Diet Consultant	

www.jillsudbury.com | www.themarlboroughschooloffreiki.co.uk



- ⊗ Sport injuries ⊗ Sciatica ⊗ Arthritis
- ⊗ Insomnia ⊗ Headaches ⊗ Tinnitus
- ⊗ Womens health ⊗ Digestion ⊗ Pain
- ⊗ Anxiety ⊗ Depression ⊗ Skin issues

**NOT FEELING YOURSELF?
 FEEL BETTER**

Appleyard Acu

Wiltshire Acupuncture Clinic

appleyardacu@gmail.com
 07736073067
<https://appleyardacu.wixsite.com/acupuncture>



PRIVATE CLINIC IN LOCKERIDGE NR. MARLBOROUGH

**NEIL MARSH
 CARPENTRY
 SERVICES**



- ◆ All aspects of Carpentry
- ◆ Bespoke wardrobes
- ◆ Kitchens
- ◆ Multi panel shower boarding
- ◆ Fencing & decking
- ◆ General maintenance

Tel Neil on : 07969 332709

M.Hutton Electrical

Napit Part P Registered
 Electrician



Installations & Maintenance.
Rewires, New builds , Extensions.
Electric Showers , Cookers.
Electric Heating.
Consumer unit / fuse box upgrades.
New Sockets & Telephone Points.
Internal / External Lighting, Cctv & Alarm Systems. **Fault finding & Correction.**
Public liability insurance for £2 million

Tel : 07974433456

Over 30 Years experience Email ; M.Huttonelectrical@gmail.com



**YOUR
 EPC**

EPC needed for selling, renting or insulation grants?

Fully Certified, Insured and Registered
 Domestic Energy Assessor (RDSap)

Energy Performance Certificates for domestic properties.

Covering Kennet and the surrounding areas.

Website: yourepc.org.uk

Email: steve@yourepc.org.uk

Call/Text/WhatsApp Steve on: 07387 185608



**K. A. Callaway.
Great Bedwyn
WOODSTOVES &
CHIMNEY LININGS**

Woodstoves: many makes, new and second hand discounted.

Flue lining: Stainless steel, ceramic, pumice. Installed TV flue camera for internal chimney inspection.

Anti-jackdaw cages for bird protection.

FREE site visit and advice recommended

Tel: 01672 870619 Mobile: 0860 722646

SHEPPARD DECORATORS

WE CONSIDER PROJECTS OF ALL SIZES
EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR.



CALL DARREN FOR A FRIENDLY QUOTE.
01380 725652 07876 433655
WWW.SHEPPARD-DECORATORS.CO.UK



**S. White
GARDEN
MAINTENANCE
ARBORICULTURE
SERVICES**

- * All aspects of tree work undertaken
- * Hedge cutting/reductions
- * Stump grinding
- * Planting
- * Logs and Wood Chip available

Simon-white22@hotmail.com
Tel: 01672 861566
Mob: 07917 353314

Fully qualified and insured



**EARTHWISE
GARDEN DESIGN LTD.
ANYA HOPE MEDLIN
(MA Cantab)**

Qualified and experienced horticulturalist and garden designer offers an individual and personal service.

- * Complete design and build service
- * Planting plans for complete gardens or single borders
- * Restoration of neglected gardens
- * Consultation and plant sourcing
- * Wild gardens/personalised retreats

Tel/Fax 01672 861462

Mobile 07970 590674

e-mail:-

anya.earthwise@googlemail.com

WHO'S WHO

RECTOR: VACANCY

If you require a priest in an emergency please telephone one of the churchwardens.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs Elizabeth Daley 01672 539277

Mr Roderick Palfrey 01793 731067

LICENSED LAY MINISTER (PTO) Mrs Sibella Laing 01672 861600 sibella.laing@outlook.com

LAY PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Mr Graham Kitchen 01672 861798 graham@grahamkitchen.com

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

Mrs Claire Stiles 01793 731620 c.j.stiles@hotmail.co.uk who is also a **Lay Pastoral Assistant**

Mrs Alison Andre 01672 539641 who is also a **Lay Pastoral Assistant**

Mrs Angharad Hughes 07771 615534

Mr Magnus Thompson 07885 465916

UPPER KENNET CHURCHES OFFICE: Anne Robinson, Sophie Roberts (Mon-Thurs, 10am-1pm)

Address: St Michael and All Angels Church,

Church Hill, West Overton, Marlborough . SN8 4ER 01672 861786 e-mail: upperkennetchurches@gmail.com

Parish Website: www.kennet8.org.uk

CHURCHWARDENS

AVEBURY Mrs Sandra Hues 01672 539444 shues01@hotmail.com

Mrs Helen Vickers 01672 539482 brian.helen.vickers@googlemail.com

Mrs Maureen Dixon 01672 539690

BROAD HINTON Mrs Gill Crabtree 07774 424125 gill.crabtree1@gmail.com

Mr Robert Fitzpatrick 01793 739156 fitzpatrickrobert16@gmail.com

EAST KENNETT Mr Graham Kitchen 01672 861798 graham@grahamkitchen.com

Mrs Jo Snape 01672 861267 Josiesnape@aol.com

WEST OVERTON Mrs Susan Rogers 01672 861374 sjrogers44@gmail.com

Mr Stuart Laing 01672 861600 stuart-laing@outlook.com

FYFIELD Co-opted PCC member Vicky Evans 01672 861622 bixevans@gmail.com

WINTERBOURNE MONKTON Ms Penny Gold 01672 539158 goldpennygold@aol.com

WINTERBOURNE BASSETT Mrs Claire Stiles 01793 731620 c.j.stiles@hotmail.co.uk

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL: Co-Lay Chairs: Simon Jones 07768 008160

Angharad Hughes 07771 615534

PCC SECRETARY Mr Peter Barry 01793 731589 peter17.barry@gmail.com

LOCAL CHURCH COMMITTEES - SECRETARIES

AVEBURY Mrs Michaela Lambert 07593 855621 mrs.michaela.lambert@gmail.com

EAST KENNETT, FYFIELD & WEST OVERTON Alison Ingham 07734 761912 alison.ingham11@outlook.com

WINTERBOURNE MONKTON Mrs Jenny Scott 01672 539104

WINTERBOURNE BASSETT Rose Barclay rosebarclay@gmail.com

BROAD HINTON Mrs Liz Palfrey 01793 731067 lizpalfrey@btinternet.com

MAGAZINES

UPPER KENNET NEWS in Fyfield, West Overton, East & West Kennett, Beckhampton, Avebury Trusloe, Avebury, Winterbourne Monkton & Berwick Bassett:

Editor: David Throup, Longmynd, Lockeridge SN8 4ED 01672 861279 davidthroup@aol.com

Please send all copy including advertising and payment to David Throup.

Final copy date 20th of each month by 1pm latest.

LOCAL NEWS in Uffcott, Broad Hinton & Winterbourne Bassett:

GRAY & AMOR LTD.

CARPENTRY & PROPERTY RENOVATION

Covering all aspects of property renovation and maintenance.

View our range of services online or call to discuss your project.

01380 587006 / 01672 596006

info@grayandamor.co.uk www.grayandamor.co.uk



Ryan Marsh (Plumbing and heating engineer)

Gas safe registered (natural gas & LPG)

Air source heat pumps

Oftec (oil) registered

Boiler servicing & breakdowns

Unvented Hot water cylinders

Bathroom refits

General plumbing

Email: r.marshplumbing@yahoo.com

Phone: 07891012074



We are an independently owned business, located on the main high street, within the Avebury Stone Circle. With many things to offer, we are more than just a shop....

Gifts - we offer a wide range of gifts, including souvenirs, books, crystals, incense, clothing, jewellery and more....

Events - we host a variety of events, from book signings in the shop, workshops in the upstairs space and 1:1 treatments in our treatment room. All spaces are available to hire. Please e-mail events@hengeshop.com for more information.

Book Signings - we hold various book signings within the shop with a wonderful variety of authors. You can view our upcoming book signings on our website. If you would like to hold one of your own, please contact Helen at handrews@hengeshop.com.

Crystal Skulls - We have a large collection of crystal skulls and all are available to buy either in our dedicated room, located within the shop, or online at www.hengeskulls.com

For more information about any of the above or to shop online, please visit www.hengeshop.com

+44(0)1672 539229

avebury@hengeshop.com



You can find both The Henge Shop & Henge Skulls on Facebook & Instagram



Martin Bell

07767 445504 / 01672 861533

villagegeekassist@gmail.com

Home Help for Home Tech

Home Entertainment Systems

E-Mail Set Up

Broadband and WIFI

Purchasing Advice

Mobile phones and Pads

Online Form Filling/Banking

Laptop and Desktop Computers

NHS App

Car Configuration

Prescriptions Online

Sat-Nav Set Up

Scam Advice/Security

WhatsApp/FaceTime/Zoom

Photo Filing and Organisation

Social Media

1-2-1 Tech Teaching

Contact me NOW to fix YOUR Home Tech Problems

Advertisers Index

Adie Cripps	01672 512438
Appleyard Accu	07736 073067
Chalkey's Workshop	01672 861123
Design By Timber	01380 860791
D. W. Oliver Tree Services Ltd	01672 861310
Dianne Mackinder Funeral Service	01672 512444
Earthwise Garden Design	01672 861462
Flueline - chimney maintenance	01672 870619
Gray & Amor Ltd	01380 587006
Jill Sudbury	01672 861412
Matt's Tiling	07590 044124
M. Hutton Electrical	07974 433456
M J Sly - Monumental Mason	01672 516797
Neil Marsh Carpentry	07969 332709
RM Plumbing and Heating	07891 012074
Sheppard Decorators	07917 818145
Simon White	01672 861566
The Henge Shop	01672 539229
The Village Geek - Home IT support	01672 861533
Vision Visit - Eye tests at home	01793 232588
Window Payne - cleaning services	01249 400500

Chalky's Workshop Ltd

- MOT'S & SERVICING
- BREAKDOWN SERVICE
- AIR CONDITIONING
- TYRES
- LASER ALIGNMENT

Scanners for all makes & models!

For good, old fashioned service, Call us on **01672 861123**

Hillside Farm, Rhyls Lane, Lockeridge, SN8 4ED